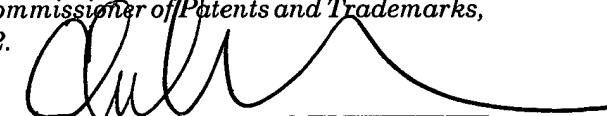




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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED											
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE					
Total Claims Fee	14	* 22	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	\$0.00					
Independent Claims	2	** 4	0	x \$42.00	x \$84.00	\$0.00					
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$140.00	\$280.00	\$0.00					
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$0.00					
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					\$0.00					
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 9 and 16											
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"											

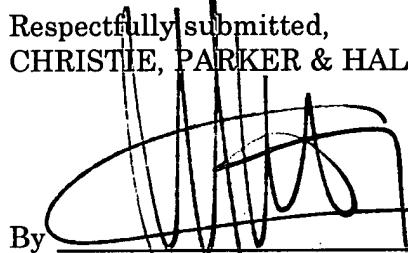
— Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.  
— A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.  
— Other enclosures:

**Amendment Transmittal Letter**  
**Application No. 10/079,293**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-8.

Amend claims 9 and 17 as follows:

*SJ/DR* 9 (Amended) A cutting element comprising:

a hard material body having an end surface and a periphery defining a circumference, the end surface comprising a canted portion extending to the periphery and an uncanted portion extending to the periphery, wherein the canted portion intersects the periphery along a periphery line, and wherein the periphery line continuously extends around more than half of the circumference; and